GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN PORT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have laid down some guidelines for private sector participation in the port sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the Government have succeeded in mobilising private sector participation in this regard; and

(d) whether some negotiations are under progress and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The following areas have been identified in the guidelines for private sector participation in Major Ports :-

(i) Leasing out existing assets of the Port.

(ii) Construction/creation of additional assets.

(iii) Leasing of equipment for port handling and leasing of floating crafts from the private sector.

(iv) Pilotage.

(v) Captive facilities for Port based industries.

(c) & (d): So far, 13 projects of 52.80 MT capacity with investment of Rs.3926 crores have been approved. 8 projects of 34.4 MT capacity involving an investment of Rs.3500 crores are under various stages of bidding process.